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The Exercises for Commencement Week.

A Gala Week for the Students—A Large Attendance at Each Event. Seven Graduates This Year.

Friday, June 9th, was the last day of the third year's work in the Northern Normal. The past week has been devoted to the annual festivities of the school.

Tuesday evening the beautifully decorated Normal Hall was filled to overflowing with an appreciative audience, gathered to hear the contest in elocution and essay writing. There were four prizes offered in the contest. Two, of \$10 and \$5, were offered by Mr. T. E. Pollock for recitation, and two, of \$10 and \$5, by Dr. D. J. Brannen for essay writing. In addition to these there were two prizes, of \$30 and \$20, offered for the defining and pronunciation by diacritical markings of twenty-five words. These prizes were offered by Hon. M. J. Riordan and Mr. F. W. Sisson.

The exercises were opened by an address of welcome by Prof. Taylor, followed by a piano duet by Misses Beecher and Burns. The next number on the programme was the reading of an essay by Chas. Stemmer; subject, "The Resources of Arizona." The paper was well written and showed an excellent knowledge of the present and possible industries of the territory. The second number, "Prince Eric's Christ-Maid," a recitation by Miss Mary Funston, was well rendered and showed careful study. "The New

South," an extract from the speech of H. W. Grady, was the declamation given by Burton Grim, and showed marked talent. Miss Kitty Rudd rendered the sleep-walking scene from "Lady Macbeth" in a highly creditable manner. This number was followed by a piano solo by Miss Lotta Beal. Miss Bertha Beecher then presented "A Sweet Girl Graduate," a monologue requiring considerable acting. Miss Beecher's number was well received and elicited much applause. Miss Virgie Rudd's essay, "We Have Reached the Bay; the Ocean Lies Beyond," betrayed a poetical temperament. The next number on the program was an essay, "Ambition and Contentment," by Miss Marie Merritt. Following was a recitation, "As the Moon Rose," by Miss Mina Jones. Miss Faith Kendrick's essay, "The Point of View," was an excellent paper. The last number on the program, "How Salvator Won," a recitation by George Burns, was a very vivid portrayal of a race and was exceedingly well rendered. The Normal Glee Club followed with a song and then came the awarding of prizes. Miss Mina Jones won first prize for recitation and Miss Bertha Beecher second. Miss Marie Merritt won first prize for essay writing and Miss Faith Kendrick second. The awards for diacritical marking were also made, the first prize going to Miss Mina Jones and the second to Miss Mary Funston.

The program in full was as follows:
Music.....Instrumental Duet
MISSER BEECHER AND BURNS.
Essay....."The Resources of Arizona"
CHARLES STEMMER.
Recitation....."Prince Eric's Christ-Maid"
MISS MARY E. FUNSTON.
Declamation....."The New South" (H. W. Grady)
BURTON GRIM.
Recitation....."Lines from Lady Macbeth"
MISS KITTY B. RUDD.
Music.....Piano Solo
MISS LOTTA BEAL.
Recitation....."A Sweet Girl Graduate"
MISS BERTHA BEECHER.

Essay....."We Have Reached the Bay; the Ocean Lies Beyond."
MISS VIRGIE E. RUDD.
Essay....."Ambition and Contentment"
MISS MARIE MERRITT.
Recitation....."As the Moon Rose"
MISS MINA B. JONES.
Essay....."The Point of View"
MISS FAITH KENDRICK.
Declamation....."How Salvator Won"
GEORGE W. BURNS.
Music....."The Night Has a Thousand Eyes" (Emery)
NORMAL GLEE CLUB.

Thursday evening was commencement, dear to the hearts of the seven seniors. During the day our citizens witnessed the spectacle of seven doleful (?) young ladies bearing a casket, in which was supposed to rest the class of '03, that they were proceeding to bury. At night they appeared, no longer doleful but gay and sparkling, in caps and gowns ready to receive the well merited reward of several years of faithful study.

The program of Thursday evening opened with a violin solo by Mr. Fred Grim. This was followed by a short address by Prof. Taylor who introduced Hon. Richard E. Sloan of Prescott. The address of Judge Sloan was the principal feature of the evening, and was impressive and scholarly. His discourse was upon the progress and advancement of education, and was highly appreciated and listened to with marked attention by the audience, which thronged the commodious assembly hall.

A song by the Normal Glee Club followed and then Prof. Taylor presented the diplomas, accompanying the presentation with tender, parting words of advice and God-speed. Flowers and congratulations poured in upon the happy seven, who were, Misses Grace Grim, Mina Jones, Virgie Rudd, Nina Burns, Creola Black, Mary Funston and Bertha Beecher.

A most important event of the evening was the awarding of medals for the highest average standing for the year in the senior class. The medals

were donated for this purpose by some friend of the school who desires his identity to remain unknown. Mr. A. A. Dutton presented the medals, the first to Miss Grace Grim and the second to Miss Mina Jones. The average of the two young ladies differed by a slight fraction only.

The festivities of the week closed Friday evening with a grand reception, for which a general and cordial invitation was extended by the board and faculty and students to all the citizens of Flagstaff.

The resident members of the board, the faculty and the graduating class received the guests. A short program of music and recitation added to the enjoyment of the evening. Refreshments were served in the east corridor and adjoining rooms by the class of '03.

At a late hour the guests dispersed, carrying with them pleasant memories of the class of '02, and the N. A. N. S. closed its doors until the second day of September.

The Normal School Board have retained for another year the present efficient faculty. A. N. Taylor, B. L., principal; Miss Frances H. Bury, assistant; Miss Cornelia Hartwell, assistant; Miss Lulu Hunter, supervisor of the training school.

The Normal under the management of Prof. Taylor has been successful since its opening. At the opening in September the attendance will be largely increased.

Next year a summer school will be conducted for the benefit of those who desire the course of study, and it is expected that a large number of teachers will avail themselves of the advantages of the summer school.

During the summer vacation a complete chemical and physical laboratory will be added and fully equipped for work, completing a department which has heretofore been conducted under difficulties.